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Stores To Remain Open Friday Nights 'Till 9



TIME TROUBLES . . . If you had a bit of trouble resetting your clocks to daylight saving time, pity Richard G. Brunswick. The finger-banded jeweler had this board full and humpy eleven more clocks and watches to reset when the new time schedule went into effect last Sunday. His case of blistered fingers was the only casualty reported due to the time change. (Herald photo).

\$1½ Million Needed to Repair Water System Report Indicates

A 10 million gallon reservoir in Palos Verdes Hills was among the list of \$1½ million improvements to Torrance's water system recommended this week by James M. Montgomery, hydro consulting engineer.

The four-month study made by R. E. Eberle of the water surveying firm, supported statement made several months ago by Water Superintendent William H. Stanger that the present condition of the city's water distribution system was "inadequate to supply new industrial and residential growth."

Fire flow tests made under the supervision of John H. Colton, district engineer for the Board of Fire Underwriters, indicated that the system could not maintain adequate fire flow and residual pressures.

The 46-page report predicated an ultimate population of the City of Torrance of 145,000.

To meet the needs of a city of that size as well as care for the immediate requirements, the Montgomery report recommended the floating of a bond issue to improve the city's hodge-podge water system.

Cost of modernizing the system would amount to \$1,444,900, the report stated.

Now served by three Municipal Water Districts and five private water companies, the report recommends the merger of the three MWD's and the eventual purchase of lines and equipment of the private companies.

Eberle's report favors the use of West Basin water wherever possible in preference to Colorado River water since the pumping cost of the former is \$0.65 per acre foot compared to the cost of Metropolitan Water District (Colorado River) of \$18 per acre foot.

Protection of Torrance's right to the Colorado River water as an early subscriber to the Metropolitan Water District should be fought for at any cost, the report stated. At present federal legislation threatens to divert the river water to reclaim Arizona desert lands.

A summary of the report makes the following recommendations:
1. Install a 24-inch feeder line from the proposed reservoir to

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Shoppers Give Nod of Approval to New Plan

News that many Torrance stores will be open Friday evenings until 9 beginning tomorrow was greeted enthusiastically by local housewives and businessmen alike this week.

Announcement of new store hours was made Monday in the new Monday Morning Shopper, a Torrance Herald publication.

At that time, the association of leading merchants as the Torrance Better Merchants, was announced.

New store hours for the 31 business institutions belonging to the new TBM are from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily including Saturdays, and from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays.

All TBM stores and shops will display the emblem of the association, a winged "T" with the group's name around it. It can also be found in their advertisements.

Joining the businessmen in their efforts to offer Torrance residents additional shopping conveniences are the Bank of America and the Torrance National Bank.

The two institutions will extend banking service to businessmen on Friday until 4:30 p.m., so the merchants may handle pay checks for customers after regular banking hours. The normal closing hours for private customers of the banks will not change, officials said.

Thirty-one merchants and the two banks now belong to the new association. In addition to the standard store hours, the merchants have agreed to be guided by the code of the Better Business Bureau for advertising. This assures the truth of their advertising.

Stores participating in the program are:

Bank of America, 1330 Sartori avenue; Torrance National Bank, 1329 Sartori avenue; McCown Drug Stores, 1327 El Prado; Allen Jewelers, 1321 Sartori avenue; Howard's Jewelers, 1503 Cabrillo avenue; The Gay Shop, 1319 Sartori avenue; Tiny Tyke Shop, 1333 El Prado; Gary's Jewelers, 1322 Sartori avenue; Children's Wardrobe, 1277 Sartori avenue; Almond's Department Store, 1261 Sartori avenue; Karl's Shoe Store, 1281 Sartori avenue; Pay-Less Cut Rate Drug, 1269 Sartori avenue; Bernard's Shoes, 1319½ Sartori avenue; Torrance Herald, 1619 Gramercy avenue; Universal Furniture Co., 1317 Sartori avenue; National Home Appliance, 1267 Sartori avenue; Music Center, 1307 El Prado; Adams Dress Shop, 1279 Sartori avenue; Benson's, 1271 Sartori avenue; Barker's Furniture Exchange, 1512 Cravens avenue; Parrish Stationers, 1415 Marcelina; Schultz

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'Cowboy Slim' To Ride in Parade

"Cowboy Slim," the cowboy's own cowboy and idol of every Western TV fan, young and old, will lead the huge parade planned for Torrance on May 20, it was revealed by directors of the Torrance Area Youth Band, sponsors of the event.

The champion cowpuncher and emcee of KTTV's nightly Western film presentations, will ride at the head of the Armed Forces Day-Youth Band parade which Parade Director Jimmy Van Dyck has promised to be the biggest and longest parade in Torrance's history.

Injured Boy Recovering at Local Hospital

Struck by an auto near the Torrance Elementary school Friday afternoon, 11-year-old Bobby Joe Patrick, of 1100 El Prado, suffered a broken left leg and chin lacerations.

Investigating officers said the youngster darted out into the street in the 1800 block on Marina avenue from between two parked cars, and ran in front of an oncoming auto.

The motorist, Inez G. Cooke, 47, 724 Border avenue, said she was unable to stop in time to avoid the boy.
He was taken to the Harbor General Hospital where his condition was reported good this week.

DOING WELL . . . Reported to be doing well this week is young Bobby Patrick shown on stretcher above just before being rushed to Harbor General Hospital. He was struck by a motorist after dashing into the path of the oncoming car—Photo by J. W. Holmes.



DOROTHY O'BRIEN
... \$11,156 Buys A Wheelchair

BEAUTY HURT BY HORSE GETS \$11,000 JUDGMENT

Dorothy O'Brien, former Narbonne High School beauty, has been awarded \$11,156 for the right to walk.

Superior Court Judge Percy Hight last week rendered a judgment in favor of the girl in the amount mentioned. Named as defendant in the suit was Lewellyn Phillips Jr., of Rolling Hills.

For the O'Briens the winning of the \$11,000 judgment was no moral victory.

"We find it hard to believe that the Phillips boy should be forced to shoulder the entire responsibility for Dorothy's accident," said Mrs. Evelyn Wilson of Lomita, sister of the victim. A graduate of Torrance High School in 1946, Dorothy lay unconscious for 43 days after she was thrown from a horse in November of 1948. A serious head injury affected her nervous system and for months left the 21-year-old beauty without control of her hands and unable to walk or talk.

Masterful care by physicians at the Harbor General Hospital including Dr. Peter Lindstrom have restored the use of her speech and the ability to use her hands.

She is still confined to a wheelchair.
The O'Brien family know what it is to feel tragedy. Misfortune has backhanded (Continued on Page 2)

Increases OK'd By 3-2 Vote

Action affecting the jobs, salaries and future of approximately 161 school personnel was taken by the Torrance Board of Education at a meeting charged with tenseness last Tuesday night.

Much of the discussion centered around the raising of the superintendent's and business manager's salaries which were upped \$200 and \$325 respectively.

The new salaries were fixed at \$11,000 for the superintendent and \$8600 for the business manager.

In other action the board accepted the resignations of 19 teachers including William H. Clinkenbeard, principal of Torrance Elementary School and Miss Harriet H. Hardy, girls' vice principal at Torrance High School.

Still other action, the granting of tenure or offering of permanent positions with the Torrance Unified School District, was taken affecting 24 teachers.

Official board action affected 120 teachers not otherwise considered, whose contracts were renewed with an average increase in salary of \$125 per year as provided in the wage scale schedule.

The board hired eight new teachers for the school year 1950-51.

Prior to the action on the personnel Dr. J. Heinrich Hull read a policy on personnel administration in which he alerted patrons of the district to factors pertaining to personnel and cautioned them not to interfere with the orderly administration of the teaching personnel.

Judge John A. Shidler moved that no increase in the present superintendent's salary of \$10,800 yearly be granted. The motion was seconded by Carl Steele.

Mrs. Evelyn Carr pointed out that not to grant the token raise (approximately \$8.50 weekly) would indicate the board was not in sympathy with the superintendent's administration. She asserted the raise amounted to a vote of confidence.

"I make the move because I believe it is not economical, sound practice at this time. If the superintendent should have asked for a \$2 raise I believe I would have asked for \$1 of that. It is not a matter of personality or faith in Dr. Hull for which I seek to hold to the present salary schedule," Judge Shidler said.

Carl Steele, who voted with Shidler on the motion, supported Shidler verbally stating: "Not raising the (superintendent's) salary is not a matter of whether or not we have confidence in him. It is an

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Ann Mondor now leads in race for Queen title.

Ann Mondor, supported in her try for the title of Miss Torrance of 1950 by the Torrance Rotary Club, pulled into the lead this week as results of the second week of the Fifth Annual Junior Woman's Club Queen contest became known.

The Torrance High School lovely pulled up from third place last week to pass Barbara Zachary, Lions Club candidate, who led the queen race at the end of the first week with 6990 votes—including bonus points.

The present standings show Ann leading, followed by Barbara, with Jackie Johnson, sponsored by Merle Norman Cosmetics in third place followed by Sadie Hawks, candidate of the Torrance Teen Club, and Beverly Moore, of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce's choice.

The standings of the five candidates including bonus points for both weeks' efforts are:

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| Ann Mondor | 16,296 |
| Barbara Zachary | 14,545 |
| Jackie Johnson | 11,635 |
| Sadie Hawks | 10,070 |
| Beverly Moore | 8,750 |

The contestants for the title of Miss Torrance are awarded bonuses of 100, 50, 25 and 10 votes for the weekly efforts with the top "lap money" going to the girl who turns in the best results for each week.

The contest will close May 26 with the crowning of the queen at a Coronation Ball to be held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium, according to Mrs. Mary Lee Boswell, campaign co-chairman.

New Waleria Lights Get Official Tryout Tomorrow

Waleria park will be lit up like a Christmas tree tomorrow evening—only more so.

Tomorrow evening marks the official "lights on" program at the park, and Waleria residents are planning to turn out in mass for a basket dinner, softball game, band concert, and official ceremonies dedicating the new \$2500 lighting system.

Four banks with six 1000-watt lights each will be lighted for the first time—officially, that is—about 7:30 p.m., when Frank Carpenter, superintendent of recreation, throws the master switch.

The evening's celebration is scheduled to begin with the basket lunch at 6:30, to be followed by an "old man's" game. Local businessmen will choose up sides for what should be a "real fast" ball game.

Following this, the Torrance area youth band will take over for a musical interlude. Councilman George Powell will emcee the evening program.

The "lights on" ceremony will follow a display of colors, after which Mayor Bob Haggard will toss out the first ball. Two top-notch Torrance Industrial League teams will meet to wind up the evening.

The National Supply team, last year's league champs, will face an all-star aggregation picked from other league teams. Co-sponsors of the evening events are Waleria businessmen's clubs, Waleria civic organizations, and the city's recreation department.

Since the installation of the lights last week, several youth teams have given them a try-out. Powell said this week.

In addition to the new lights, a new backstop has been installed on the field. Due to construction soon are two more sets of bleachers.



WARNING UP . . . Taking no chances on throwing a good arm away when he pitches in the first ball tomorrow night at the newly lighted Waleria Park softball field is Mayor Bob Haggard. He sneaked in a few tosses this week to see if it could be done. (Herald photo).